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SENATE BILL No. 259

DIGEST OF SB 259 (Updated February 4, 2009 2:54 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 25-9; IC 35-45.

Synopsis: Ultimate fighting. Removes the duty of the boxing commission to define "ultimate fighting" and "ultimate fighting championships". Removes ultimate fighting and ultimate fighting championships as exclusions to combative fighting under the criminal code.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.
February 5, 2009, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-9-1-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2007,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4.5. In accordance with IC 35-45-18-1(b), the
4 commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define the following:

5 ~~(1) Ultimate fighting.~~

6 ~~(2) Ultimate Fighting Championships.~~

7 ~~(3) (1) Mixed martial arts.~~

8 ~~(4) (2) Martial arts, including the following:~~

9 (A) Jujutsu.

10 (B) Karate.

11 (C) Kickboxing.

12 (D) Kung fu.

13 (E) Tae kwon do.

14 ~~(5) (3) Professional wrestling.~~

15 SECTION 2. IC 35-45-18-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2007,
16 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "combative

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fighting" (also known as "toughman fighting", "badman fighting", and "extreme fighting") means a match, contest, or exhibition that involves at least (2) contestants, with or without gloves or protective headgear, in which the contestants:

(1) use their:

(A) hands;

(B) feet; or

(C) both hands and feet;

to strike each other; and

(2) compete for a financial prize or any item of pecuniary value.

(b) The term does not include:

(1) a boxing or sparring match regulated under IC 25-9;

~~(2) ultimate fighting, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;~~

~~(3) Ultimate Fighting Championships, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;~~

~~(4) (2) mixed martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;~~

~~(5) (3) martial arts, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5;~~

~~(6) (4) professional wrestling, as defined by the state boxing commission in rules adopted under IC 25-9-1-4.5; or~~

~~(7) (5) a match, contest, or game in which a fight breaks out among the participants as an unplanned, spontaneous event and not as an intended part of the match, contest, or game.~~

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 259, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 259 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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